

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elder's Commission

4th Quarter Report
October – November - December
2017



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Janice Shackelford, Treasurer

JoAnn Carey, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held in Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elder's Department Director has presented many issues and concerns to the commission. The Elder's Commissioners will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association 1st 2018 Quarterly meeting will be held on April 9-11, 2018, to be hosted by Little Traverse Bay of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, MI. The Elders Commission has been working with Elders Department in preparation of the conference. The Elders Commission would like to have at least one LTBB Elder Commissioner attend the MIEA quarterly meetings to keep the commission abreast of current issues plaguing tribal elders throughout Michigan, and with LTBB hosting it will be great to have the entire commission in attendance.

The Elder Commission has been gathering towels that has been donated to the elders by the Odawa Casino for members outside of the service area. The commission would like to thank JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; for taking the lead on this project and distributing them to membership elders out of the service area.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

Three commissioner terms are up for re-appointment, commissioners have submitted letters of interest and have had interviews with Tribal Council. Commissioners are awaiting final notification of re-appointment. The commission continues to work and attend meetings until their re-appointments or the positions are filled.

The commissioners would like to express their appreciation to the Executive for recommendations to Tribal Council for placement on the Elder's Commission.

The Commissioners would like to thank Tribal Council for their time to conduct interviews and their consideration for re-appointments to the Elder's Commission for those positions that have expired.

